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WELFARE OF EX SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen in the country, as on December, 2006, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes being in force for their welfare, rehabilitation and resettlement;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to grant some more benefits to the ex-servicemen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) The number of ex-servicemen as on December, 2006 State-wise, is enclosed at Annexure I.

(b)to(d) : Presently, ex-servicemen are provided various facilities for their resettlement and welfare. Resettlement facilities include training to improve their re-employability, reservation in Government jobs, loan assistance through self-employment schemes, formation of ex-servicemen Coal Transport Companies, allotment of oil product agencies, allotment of army surplus vehicles, etc. Important welfare measures for them are canteen facilities, Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, Prime Minister's Scholarship scheme for higher education for their wards, financial assistance from Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund and travel concessions.These schemes are continuously reviewed by the Government and new schemes or existing schemes with improvements introduced whenever considered necessary. The Government has declared 2007 as Year of Placement for ex-servicemen. During the year additional emphasis will be laid and renewed efforts made for employment of ex-servicemen in various sectors by enlisting cooperation of all concerned agencies in the Government and the corporate sectors.